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SUBJECT: INFORMATION FOR BACKGROUND NOTES ON MACAU

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1. FOLLOWING IS KEYED TO REFERENCE:

A. TOTAL OF 2,788,139 PEOPLE CAME TO MACAU FROM HONG KONG IN 1977, BREAKING 1976 RECORD OF 2,517,649. SEE 1B BELOW. WE HAVE NO WAY OF DETERMINING HOW MANY OF THESE ARE HONG KONG RESIDENTS.

B. INCLUDED IN 1977 FIGURES GIVEN ABOVE ARE 539,881 "FOREIGN TOURISTS", COMPARED WITH 498,489 IN 1976. TERM "FOREIGN TOURISTS" DOES NOT INCLUDE CHINESE FROM HONG KONG OR PRC.

C. MACAU EXPORTS FOR 1977 TOTALLED OVER US\$244 MILLION, UP FROM US\$230 MILLION IN 1976. MAJOR EXPORT MARKETS FOR 1977 WERE WEST GERMANY (OVER US \$48 MILLION), THE U S (OVER US\$41 MILLION), FRANCE (OVER US\$38 MILLION), HONG KONG (OVER US\$23 MILLION) AND PORTUGAL (OVER US \$9 MILLION). IN 1976 ABOUT 75 PERCENT OF TOTAL EXPORTS WENT TO EUROPE, 11 PERCENT TO ASIA, 11 PERCENT TO AMERICAS. TEXTILES COMPRISED 89 PERCENT OF TOTAL IN 1976, FOODSTUFFS 5 PERCENT. CERAMICS, OPTICAL AND PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT AND FOOTWEAR ARE ALSO EXPORTED.

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D. MACAU IMPORTS FOR 1977 TOTALLED OVER US\$212 MILLION AS COMPARED TO OVER US\$195 MILLION IN 1976. MAJOR SOURCE OF IMPORTS IN 1977 WAS HONG KONG (OVER US\$135 MILLION), FOLLOWED BY PRC (OVER US\$57 MILLION), THE U S (OVER US\$6 MILLION), AND JAPAN (OVER US \$5 MILLION) IN 1976 TEXTILE RAW MATERIALS COMPRISED 37 PERCENT OF TOTAL IMPORTS, FOODSTUFFS 27 PERCENT, MINERAL PRODUCTS 10 PERCENT, MACHINERY AND

TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT 7 PERCENT, CHEMICAL PRODUCTS 4 PERCENT,
METALS 3 PERCENT.

2. POST WILL CABLE INFO ON CHANGES IN MACAU'S JUDICIAL SYSTEM
AFTER CHECKING FACTS WITH MACAU GOVERNMENT.

3. TERM "MACAU" REPEAT "MACAU" IS PREFERRED BY MACAU GOVERNMENT
IN THEIR OFFICIAL TRANSLATIONS TO ENGLISH, AND SEEMS TO BE MORE
WIDELY ACCEPTED. HOWEVER TERM "MACAO" IS ALSO ACCEPTABLE, IS OFTEN
USED IN ENGLISH, AND HAS BEEN USED BY USG IN PAST.

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